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1. WHILE FINAL DECISION NOT YET MADE, PROBABLE GOJ REPRESENTATIVE TO OECD ENVIRONMENT MEETING WOULD BE MINISTER OF STATE AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENVIRONMENT AGENCY MATSUHEI MOHRI. HOWEVER, PROBABLE GOJ CABINET RESHUFFLE IN NOVEMBER COULD AFFECT CHOICE OF DELEGATE.

2. MOHRI IS ABOUT 61 YEARS OLD AND IS SKILLED POLITICIAN OF OLD SCHOOL, WHO ONCE SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MIN FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, MOHRI HAS HELD ENVIRONMENT AGENCY POST RELATIVELY SHORT TIME, AND HAS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF FIELD. MOREOVER, SO FAR AS WE KNOW, MOHRI HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN CHAIRING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, AND HAS LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH CAPABILITY. DES-
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PITE THESE HANDICAPS, IF LANGUAGE PROBLEMS CAN BE ACCOMMO-

DATED, WE BELIEVE MOHRI POSSESSES BASIC POLITICAL SKILL
TO HANDLE CHAIRMANSHIP WITH SECRETARIAT'S ASSISTANCE.
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